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A PERSONAL NOTE:

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and has a healthy 2015.

HA is late because of the delay of my book. I am sending HA now. A description of the 5th Revised Ultimate History is below. Email me if you want a copy and I will let you know when it is ready.

The 2015 FIFTH REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just off the press. Much new information; Cost is \$67, included postage, for new buyers. If you bought any of the books before, the cost is \$57. Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it;

Radio Recall, Oct; articles about Mel Vickland; Marion Clark, writer on Gunsmoke; Jell-O; Alec Templeton; Dec; article about Christmas in Death Valley; WAMU and The big Broadcast; Glenn Miller's never heard broadcasts; maps relating to radio shows; **RCA Newsletter**, Sep; articles about Ray Charles (choral conductor); Michael Shayne; -October; article about J Scott Smart; **Old Time Radio Digest**, Fall; articles about A Christmas Carol on radio; Unexpected Christmas Classics; Sealtest Variety Theater; **Illustrated Press**, Oct; articles about Bill Stern; Nat King Cole; Rudy Vallee; Pepto-Bismal and The Fat Man; -Nov; articles about I Love a Mystery - Stairway to the Sun; Kolynos; Suspense; -Dec; articles about OTR christmas; More on Stairway to the Sun; Detroit shows; **SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Oct; articles about Jack Benny switching to CBS; Stan Freberg; Radio programs as movies; -November/December; articles about Parade of Stars; Christmas Day on NBC; Radio sponsors; Railroad Programs; **RLL on the Air**, Fall; articles about Fred Waring including episode guide for 1/2/48 – 12/31/48; Mutual; - winter; articles about Jack Armstrong and General Mills; Boris Karloff and "This is Your Life"; **Old Radio Times**, Nov - Dec; articles about New time radio; Script libraries; American radio Networking; Lum and Abner; Dennis Day; **Nostalgia Digest**, Winter; articles about Monica Lewis; Eddie Anderson; Similar radio programs; Duffy's Tavern; **The Jack Benny Times**, Jan – Apr; more articles on JB and friends

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; -Many books are from **McFarland** ; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 1129, Duncan, OK 73534; 580-252-3547 <Benohmart@gmail.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio); **Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 52, Whiteford, MD. 21160; (443) 286-6821 <www.martingrams.com>

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136 pages. Illustrated. Foreword by Fred Diodati, lead singer of The Four Aces.

CONVENTIONS: (Let me know details of your upcoming convention)

REPS Showcase is coming back in 2015. The dates will be during the week end of Friday 4-17-15 through Sunday 4-19-15. The web site is www.repsshowcase.com

<<http://www.repsshowcase.com>> John and Larry Gassman and Walden Hughes are helping Bryan Haigood in producing this event.

Nostalgia Expo, May 15 - 16 at Crowne Plaza Blue Ash Motel, Cincinnati, Ohio; details at <[Http://expo.wayback.net](http://expo.wayback.net)>

The **Mid Atlantic nostalgia convention** will be held at the Hunt Valley Inn on September 17, 18 and 19, 2015. [Www.MidAtlanticNostalgiaConvention.com](http://www.MidAtlanticNostalgiaConvention.com) This coming year's events will include presentations about the Jack Benny and featured three Radio reenactments on stage. 443-286-6821

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>; Let me know if any are out of date.

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**); **Steve Darnall** <nostalgia Digest> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <http://www.buffalo-otr-club.org/> **Doug Kosmonek** <http://members.shaw.ca/douglas Kosmonek> new e-mail is <douglas Kosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com **Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com... **Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <http://www.bearmanormedia.com> **RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <http://www.otr.com> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html. (also) http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/;- **Eddie Cantor** <eddiecantor.com>; **Old time Radio Researchers Group** http://www.otrr.org;- For free downloads of old time radio programs, check out the **OTRRLibrary** http://www.otrrlibrary.org;- For the most up-to-date information about old time radio series, and their stars, check out **OTRRPedia** located at http://www.otrrpedia.org;- **Peter Tatchell** <laughterlog.com>. **Chuck Schaden** <www.speakingofradio.com>

There is a fairly new email newsletter called Rick's Place. Lots of focus on OTR. Sign up web site is <www.ricksplace.info>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-641-1342); <asajb2000@yahoo.com>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 669, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> **Satellite Video Production** (**Fred Berney**) Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> **BRC Broadcast Services** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive** (**Terry Salomonson**), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <m Schmid@rcn.com> <www.olderadio.com> **Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02467 <www.heritage radio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>.

BRC Broadcast Services; Holiday supplement available. Many holiday shows including Jack Benny, FM&M; Other Shows featured include Zero Hour, This is Your FBI, Zane Gray, I Deal in Crime, the continuation of Suspense first 20 shows from 1946 "re-re-re-mastered." Ben Bernie, Frank Sinatra Light Up Time, Rosemary Clooney-Bing Crosby Show and others.

Also from BRC; Supplement #6 now available; Included are the first 5 years of Suspense in pristine sound, the Saint and others. Suspense is available by year, the complete run or individual shows....and another free sample:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/19032620/SUSPENSE_12-05-1946_House_On_Cypress_Canyon_Robert_Taylor_.mp3

The above link is a free download or it can be played live off the web.

The supplement itself is here:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/19032620/SUSPENSE_FIRST_FIVE_SUP_LO_1-2_REV.pdf

Eventually, all the audio will be available in a downloadable format. Flash Drive format also available now.

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Andy Blatt produces and hosts a weekly comedy show on his local college station. The comedy hour airs 11 am to 1 pm Thursdays on WNHU 88.7 FM in West Haven, CT or on WNHU.NET.

IN FOND MEMORY: **Marian Seldes**, Oct 6, 89; actress (Eternal Light, CBS Radio Mystery Theater);-**Geoffrey Holder**, Oct 5, 84; dance, theater, movies, commercial spokesperson (Metropolitan Opera);-**Tom Magliozzi**, 11/3, 77 (Car Talk);-**Ernest Kinoy**, Nov 10, 89; writer, screen writer, playwright (Rocky Fortune, X-1); attended FOTR convention;-**Mike Nichols**, Nov 12, 83; director, producer, actor (Monitor);-**Richard C Hottelet**, Dec 17, 97; CBS News Correspondent;-**Luise Rainer**, 12/30; 104; actress (Kate Smith Hour, Studio One);-**(Little) Jimmie Dickens**, 1/2/15, 94; country singer (was oldest member of Grand Ole Opry); started in 1948;-**Bess Myerson**, Dec 14, 90; Miss America (Flair)

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